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Statehouse East Entrances Accessible for Emergency Use Only

Idaho State Deputy Fire Marshall Mark Larson last week approved an alternate pedestrian traffic plan for the East Wing of the Capitol Building as construction activity continues on exterior masonry work and the east capitol steps replacement as part of the initial phase of the Capitol Renovation.

Both the N.E. basement entryway and the East Wing's first floor main entrance are to be used in case of emergency only. The second floor entrance and exit is blocked due to the east step replacement work. All Statehouse visitors and employees attempting to exit from these doors will be directed to the south entry or to other doors in the building.

All concrete and rubble were removed from the east steps area last week and workers will begin forming the new stairs by using steel sheets or plywood. According to **Jan Frew**, Design and Construction Manager, Division of Public Works, the concrete will then be placed in the forms, and poured from a large cement truck. Workers will strive for as much minimal damage to the east lawn as possible. Frew explained that some of the reinforcing steel, removed from the stairs as they were demolished, was nearly 1-1/8" in diameter. That's thicker than a crowbar. The new steel will be much smaller, laid in neat crossed rows, and tied with wire to keep it in place.

There are fifteen types of repairs that will be used in the restoration of the exterior stonework. These range from refinishing stone surfaces to installing stainless steel pins or rods in loose stones. The area at the top of the outside wall, called the cornice, has numerous places where the stone has cracked, broken off, or the mortar is missing.

Find out next week: "Is a large carved dutchman a great date with an accent?"

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(In an effort to help Statehouse employees plan their work week with ongoing construction activities, *Renewal News Construction Updates*, prepared by the Department of Administration, will be issued weekly with as much information as possible on work schedules, planned construction activity, etc. We appreciate your patience during our Capitol Restoration effort. You can also view *Renewal News* online at: <http://www.idahocapitolcommission.org/whatsnew.html> If you have questions regarding this newsletter, contact Pat Wynn, Communications Manager, 332-1827 or pwynn@adm.state.id.us)



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